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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] A method for testing a network ~~system~~ device according to the present invention includes a reception step of receiving communication data transferred between an external device connected to a network device via a network and a virtual machine in the network device; a judgment step of judging whether the received communication data coincides with ~~[[the]]~~ a condition by referring to a test access control list (ACL) ~~which~~ which defines association between ~~[[a]]~~ the condition concerning an attribute of the communication data and an action serving as a process of permitting or rejecting communication of the communication data; and an execution step of executing, when it is judged that the communication data coincides with the condition, the process of the action in the test access control list.

Please replace the Abstract with the amended Abstract submitted herewith on a separate sheet.